

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of handling a print job, the method comprising:

determining whether the entire print job can be processed by a printer;

processing the print job, by the printer, if the entire print job can be processed by the printer;

if the entire print job cannot be processed by the printer:

sending, by the printer, the print job to an external rendering device;

receiving, by the printer, a rendered print job from the external rendering device; and

the printer printing the rendered print job received from the external rendering device.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein sending the print job to an external rendering device includes sending, by the printer, a portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to an external rendering device.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein sending the print job to an external rendering device includes sending, by the printer, a first portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a first external rendering device and sending, by the printer, a second portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a second external rendering device.

4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the external rendering device is accessible via the Internet.

5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the Internet.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein determining whether the entire print job can be processed by the printer is performed by the printer.

7. (Original) A computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

8. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving, by a printer, a print job;
the printer identifying portions of the print job that can be processed by
the printer;
the printer processing the identified portions of the print job;
the printer sending the portions of the print job that cannot be processed
by the printer to an external rendering device; and
the printer receiving rendered portions of the print job from the external
rendering device.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 8 further
including the printer printing the print job by combining portions processed by
the printer and rendered portions received from the external rendering device.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein
sending the portions of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to
an external rendering device includes the printer sending a first portion of the
print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a first external rendering
device and the printer sending a second portion of the print job that cannot be
processed by the printer to a second external rendering device.

11. (Original) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the external
rendering device is accessible via the Internet.

12. (Original) A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the Internet.

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14. (Original) A computer-readable memory containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 8.

15. (Original) A printer comprising:

a communication interface; and

a processor coupled to the communication interface, wherein the processor determines whether an entire print job can be processed by the printer, if the entire print job cannot be processed by the printer, then the printer sends the portions of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to an external rendering device, and the printer receives rendered portions of the print job from the external rendering device.

16. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the communication interface is a network communication interface coupled to the Internet.

17. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the external rendering device is a server coupled to the communication interface.

18. (Original) A printer as recited in claim 15 wherein the printer sends a first portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a first external rendering device and the printer sends a second portion of the print job that cannot be processed by the printer to a second external rendering device.

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